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The Chair, Sheila M. McDevitt, convened the meeting of the Board of Governors, State University System of Florida, in the Banquet Hall, Economic & Workforce Development Building, Tallahassee Community College, Tallahassee, Florida, March 26, 2009, at 11:00 a.m., with the following members present: Ava Parker, Vice Chair; Ann Duncan; Charlie Edwards; Dr. Stanley Marshall; Frank Martin; Arthur "AJ" Meyer; Tico Perez; Carolyn K. Roberts; Dr. Judith Solano; Gus Stavros; and Norman Tripp. Dr. Zach Zachariah participated by telephone.

1. Call to Order and Chair's Report

Ms. McDevitt expressed her thanks to Board members and Presidents for their participation in the meeting. She also thanked President Bill Law and Tallahassee Community College for the use of this space. She noted that the Board of Governors and the State University System were involved in important partnerships with the community colleges throughout Florida and it was good to be on a vibrant community college campus.

She commented that the Legislative Session was almost at the mid-point; Legislators would be focused on the budget for the remaining weeks. She said she was pleased that the Board was having better reception in the Capitol. She said the Board's priorities, including the tuition bill and the bill implementing the Agreement with the Prepaid Board, seemed to be moving. She noted a few bumps, but hoped that these could be worked out before the end of Session. She said she was appreciative of the Presidents and their visits with Legislators. She said the universities were working together on common goals, but there was still a lot of work to be done.

She said the visits with the Governor and Legislators the previous day had gone well. She suggested that the March Board meeting should always include visits in the Capitol. She thanked the staff for the previous day's session on Economic Development. She said it had highlighted how the universities could serve as drivers for the new economy. She suggested that the meeting highlights be edited to a CD which could be shared with Legislators. She also thanked the Board Committee Chairs. She said the Committees were carrying the weight of the Board's work.

Ms. McDevitt reported that she had had a telephone conference call with the Presidents with medical schools to discuss how they would proceed this Session to make sure the System was successful in getting the funding for the two new medical schools and the funding for the existing schools at UF and USF.

Ms. McDevitt thanked Ms. Duncan and the Student Affairs Committee for the outstanding presentations about the programs on campuses for returning veterans. She encouraged staff to follow-up with President Genshaft on the idea of a national conference about veterans returning to college under the new G.I. bill. She said Florida would likely have many of these students, given the number of military bases in the State.

Ms. McDevitt said the next meeting of the Board would be by telephone conference call, Thursday, May 7; the Board meeting on June 17-18 would be at UCF, Orlando.

2. Recognition: Arthur "AJ" Meyer

Ms. McDevitt said this was the last meeting for the Board's student member, AJ Meyer. She thanked Mr. Meyer for his service and said she was especially appreciative of his strong support for the proposed tuition increases. She invited him to join her at the podium.

Ms. McDevitt read the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, AJ Meyer has provided dedicated service to the State of Florida as the representative of the Florida Student Association on the Board of Governors, State University System of Florida, from May 2008 to May 2009; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Meyer has been an effective member of this Board and has used his position to encourage discussion and interest in the issues affecting students in the State University System, and to inform Board members on these topics; and

WHEREAS, there are few guidelines for the student member of the Board of Governors, nevertheless, Mr. Meyer has displayed an understanding of the issues and the areas in which this Board can offer leadership and vision for all the universities in the System, and has reminded the Board of its responsibilities to the 302,513 students enrolled in Florida's public universities; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure on the Board, Mr. Meyer has been a strong advocate for maintaining the quality of the SUS, as this is critical to the value of the students' educational experience; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Meyer has now completed his service as the Chair of the Florida Student Association, and will now yield his seat on this Board to his successor; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the members of the Board of Governors, meeting on the campus of Tallahassee Community College, in Tallahassee, on this twenty-sixth day of March, 2009, do hereby commend AJ Meyer for his contributions to the Board of Governors and to the State University System, and do wish him well; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the resolution be presented to Mr. Meyer as a token of the Board's appreciation and thanks.

Members of the Board concurred unanimously in the Resolution.

Mr. Meyer thanked the members for this recognition. He said service on this Board had been the most enthralling experience. He thanked President Maidique, as well, for being an excellent mentor. He said he had begun his service on the FIU Board of Trustees by voting to close numerous degree programs at FIU, and service on this Board by voting for a new Chair and Vice Chair. These had been tough, but important, decisions. He said the current budget situation was difficult, but he noted that higher education was important for the state and its economy. He thanked the Board members for this incredible opportunity.

Ms. McDevitt noted that she also had a Resolution thanking Ms. Lynn Pappas for her service to this Board. She said she wanted to acknowledge the work that Ms. Pappas had done and the thoughtfulness she added to the Board's deliberations. She said she hoped Ms. Pappas would remember her time as a Board member as a good experience.

3. Report, President-in-Residence

President Delaney thanked the Board staff for their work. He said he was pleased to be working with such a bright group of people. He said he was also enjoying working with Legislators and legislative staff.

He reported that the tuition legislation was ready for a vote on the floor of the House; in the Senate, Senator Lynn wanted to add some minor changes. He said that the legislation implementing the Prepaid Agreement appeared to preserve the core of the Agreement, but discussions were ongoing. He noted that all four medical school funding requests were funded at the level requested. He commented that some members favored funding the new schools, others favored the existing medical schools.

He said the bills to implement some of the technical changes, including facilities construction and Courtelis funding, were well-received.

President Delaney said the big issue was the state budget. He commented on the 25 percent drop in available revenue since last year. He explained that federal stimulus funds would restore only about half of that loss, which would still leave a 12 to 13 percent reduction over the past year. He said some Legislators were discussing new revenues, noting that the House was not as receptive as the Senate to taxes and fees.

He concurred with Chair McDevitt that the reception in the Capitol was completely different from a year ago. He said the Legislature viewed higher education as both a short-term and a long-term solution for Florida. He said Legislators were expressing sentiments that they wanted to help the University System. He recommended that the Board and the System prepare for bigger cuts, and hope for something not quite as drastic.

Dr. Solano inquired whether the Legislature would address changes to the Bright Futures Program this year. President Delaney said enthusiasm for addressing a fix was fading. He said there had been some talk at the beginning of the Session, but there was not much discussion currently.

4. Approval of Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Governors held January 29, 2009; and Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Governors, held by Telephone Conference Call, February 26, 2009

Mr. Perez moved that the Board approve the Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Governors held January 29, 2009, as presented, and the Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Governors, held by telephone conference call, February 26, 2009, as presented. Mrs. Roberts seconded the motion, and members of the Board concurred.

5. Consent Agenda:

- A. Final Approval, BOG Regulations Approved for Notice in January: Regulation 1.001, University Boards of Trustees Powers and Duties; and Regulation 8.003, Textbook Adoption

Ms. McDevitt said these Board Regulations had been approved for notice in January. There were no comments on the proposed Regulations.

Mrs. Roberts moved that the Board approve Regulation 1.001, University Boards of Trustees Powers and Duties, and Regulation 8.003, Textbook Adoption, as presented. Ms. Parker seconded the motion, and members of the Board concurred.

B. Approve, Annual Accountability Report, 2008

Mrs. Roberts said the Board submitted an annual accountability report to the Legislature containing measures approved by the Board and incorporated in its 2005-2013 Strategic Plan. Mrs. Roberts moved that the Board approve the Annual Accountability Report for 2008, as presented. Ms. Parker seconded the motion, and members of the Board concurred

C. Approve, Notice of Intent to Amend, BOG Regulation 10.001, Self-Insurance Programs

Mrs. Roberts said the amendment to this Regulation provided for the establishment of the Florida International University College of Medicine Self-Insurance Program to be administered by the FIU College of Medicine Self-Insurance Program Council. Mrs. Roberts moved that the Board approve the Public Notice of Intent to Promulgate an Amendment to BOG Regulation 10.001, Self-Insurance Programs, as presented. Ms. Parker seconded the motion, and members of the Board concurred.

6. Action Items/Status Reports, Board Committees:

A. Chancellor Search Committee

Mrs. Roberts reported that the consultant, Bill Funk, was continuing to work on the Chancellor search. She said advertisements had been placed in the *Chronicle of Higher Education*, *Women in Higher Education*, and *Diversity*. She said applications would be accepted until the position was filled. She said the Committee would meet by phone sometime later in the Spring, but no date had been set. Mrs. Roberts said she would keep the Board informed about the search process.

B. Student Affairs and Campus Life Committee; Approve, Notice of Intent to Amend BOG Regulation 6.0105, Student Conduct and Discipline

Ms. Duncan reported that the Student Affairs Committee had met earlier in the day and had several excellent discussions. She commented that the presentations on the Florida Veterans' Initiative, particularly from the student veterans, had been most informative.

Ms. Duncan said there was only one action item from the Committee for Board action. She moved that the Board approve the Public Notice of Intent to Amend BOG Regulation 6.0105, Student

Conduct and Discipline, as presented, for posting to the website, pursuant to the Board's Regulation Development Procedure. Mr. Tripp seconded the motion, and members of the Board concurred.

- C. Strategic Planning and Academic and System Oversight Committee;  
Approve Report, Medical Education Funding; Approve, Termination,  
Ph.D., Engineering Mechanics, UF

Mr. Martin said the Committee had discussed three issues during the Committee meeting. The Committee had discussed the recommendations from the Presidents' Workgroup on Medical Education Funding. Mr. Martin moved that the Board accept the Report, as presented. Mrs. Roberts seconded the motion, and members of the Board concurred.

Mr. Martin said the Committee had also reviewed the Distance Learning Task Force Report. He said the follow-up actions by the Baccalaureate Degrees/System Structure Project Team were ongoing.

Mr. Martin said the Committee had also reviewed the proposed termination of the Ph.D., Engineering Mechanics, UF. He said the Academic Programs Team had recommended that the Board waive the normal two-step process. Mr. Edwards moved that the Board waive the two-step review process, as recommended. Mr. Perez seconded the motion, and members of the Board concurred.

Dr. Marshall moved that the Board approve the University of Florida's request to terminate the Ph.D., Engineering Mechanics, CIP Code 14.1101, as presented. Mr. Tripp seconded the motion, and members of the Board concurred.

- D. Joint Meeting – Facilities and Real Estate Committee;  
Budget, Finance & Business Operations Committee

1. Approve, Auxiliary Facilities with Bond Covenants Requiring  
Approval of 2009-2010 Operating Budgets

Mr. Perez moved that the Board approve the estimated 2009-2010 operating budgets for auxiliary facilities that had bond covenants requiring Board approval, as presented. Mr. Tripp seconded the motion, and members of the Board concurred.

2. Approve, 2010-2011 Legislative Budget Request Guidelines

Mr. Perez moved that the Board approve the 2010-2011 legislative budget request development guidelines for the operating and fixed capital outlay budget, and authorize the President in Residence to make technical amendments and adjustments based on the final 2009-2010 Legislative appropriations, as presented. Mr. Tripp seconded the motion, and members of the Board concurred.

3. Approve, Amended 2009-2010 State University System Fixed Capital Outlay Legislative Budget Request

Mr. Perez moved that the Board approve the amendments to the 2009-2010 SUS Fixed Capital Outlay Legislative Budget Request, as presented. Mr. Edwards seconded the motion, and members of the Board concurred.

4. Approve, Resolution authorizing the UWF Foundation, Inc., to Issue Tax-exempt Debt Bonds to Finance the Construction of a Student Residence Facility, Main Campus, UWF

Mr. Perez moved that the Board adopt the resolution approving the issuance of fixed rate, tax-exempt debt, by the University of West Florida Foundation, Inc., through the Escambia County Housing Authority in an amount not to exceed \$15 million for the purpose of financing a Student Residence Facility on the main campus of the University of West Florida, as presented. He noted that Board staff and staff of the Division of Bond Finance had reviewed the resolution and all supporting documentation. Based on that review, it appeared that the proposed financing was in compliance with Florida Statutes governing the issuance of university debt and the Board's debt management guidelines. Mr. Martin seconded the motion, and members of the Board concurred.

5. Approve, Notice of Intent to Promulgate, BOG Regulation Chapter 21, Campus Master Plan

Mr. Perez moved that the Board approve the Public Notice of Intent to Promulgate BOG Regulation Chapter 21, Campus Master Plan, as presented, for posting to the website, pursuant to the Board's Regulation Development Procedure. Mr. Tripp seconded the motion, and members of the Board concurred.

6. Approve, Re-Notice of Intent to Promulgate, BOG Regulation 17.001, Lease Authority

Mr. Perez said the Board had approved BOG Regulation 17.001, Lease Authority, for public notice at the January 29, 2009, Board meeting. Numerous comments had been received. He said staff had recommended that the proposed regulation be re-noticed, as revised. Mr. Perez moved that the Board approve the Re-Notice of Intent to Promulgate BOG Regulation 17.001, Lease Authority, as presented, for posting to the website, pursuant to the Board's Regulation Development Procedure. Mr. Martin seconded the motion, and members of the Board concurred.

- E. Audit and Compliance Committee; Approve, Audit and Compliance Committee Charter, as approved by the Committee in January

Mr. Tripp reported that the Audit and Compliance Committee had begun reviewing the draft of the Audit and Compliance Committee Charter in November. He said the Committee had had a good discussion of the Charter at its meeting on January 28, 2009. He said the Committee had unanimously recommended approval of the proposed Committee Charter. Mr. Tripp moved that the Board approve the Audit and Compliance Committee Charter, as presented. Mr. Stavros seconded the motion, and members of the Board concurred.

7. Concluding Remarks and Adjournment

President Brogan thanked President Delaney for his leadership and for the time he was spending in Tallahassee. He said the overall SUS reception in the Capitol this Session was so much better.

President Wetherell said he had met with Speaker Nancy Pelosi and had thanked her for the stimulus funds coming to Florida. He said his concern was about two years from now when these funds would no longer be available. He said he was concerned about funding for research and how the research would continue when the funds ended.

President Brogan said he continued to believe that the stimulus dollars were a bridge to better times and were welcome in the present circumstances. He said it was important to focus on economic development. He said they should all be cautious about using non-recurring funds to cover recurring expenses. Ms. McDevitt said it was also important to continue the conversation about the funding needs of the state going

forward. She said Florida had traditionally been funded based on growth. President Wetherell said good research was also important in growing the economy.

President Ammons said he had visited with members of the Florida delegation in Washington. He noted that the recipients of federal stimulus money would be responsible for deliverables. He said there were expectations of tangible benefits from these funds. President Genshaft added that the universities were still garnering research dollars to make a difference for the state. President Maidique said he was hoping for the best, and preparing for the worst.

President Bense commented that while the big institutions focused on research, the smaller institutions also had targeted research efforts. She said that work by UWF faculty had helped re-vitalize Downtown Pensacola.

Mr. Tripp said he appreciated the Presidents speaking about "the System." He said that all the universities were stronger as a System. He said he wanted to keep moving forward as a System for the benefit of all the students.

Ms. McDevitt said she had heard that this had been the first year in the past 12 to 14 years where all the institutions were together on significant issues. She said this made each institution better. She said she hoped there would be a discussion if there were a need to diverge.

Mr. Meyer said that his service to the state had begun here with this Board. He said he hoped to continue public service. He thanked the Board members and the Presidents for the opportunities afforded to university students in this state.

Having no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting of the Board of Governors, State University System of Florida, at 11:40 a.m., March 26, 2009.

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Sheila M. McDevitt,  
Chair

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Mary-Anne Bestebreurtje,  
Corporate Secretary